said request intercepting component is arranged to search external sources to locate and provide to said server component additional functionality when required for said server component to support said request when said request is not currently supported; and

said request intercepting component thereafter invoking said request on said server component in a manner hidden from said client component.

6. (Amended) A computer system comprising:

a client component;

a server component, said client component arranged to make requests to said server component;

means for maintaining a representation of requests which can be satisfied by said server component; and

means for intercepting requests from said client component to said server component, and for determining from said representation whether a request is supported by said server component; said intercepting means being arranged to search external sources to locate and provide to said server component additional functionality required for said server component to support said request when said request is not currently supported; and for thereafter invoking said request on said server component in a manner hidden from said client component.